



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Scott Morgan
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NVS-215KS
12V-480

Subject: Tire Pressure Monitoring System/FMVSS 138

Dear Mr. Morgan:

This letter serves to acknowledge Aston Martin's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ASTON MARTIN/V12 VANTAGE COUPE/2010-2012

Mfr's Report Date: October 1, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-480

Components:

TIRES:PRESSURE MONITORING AND REGULATING SYSTEMS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 169

Problem Description:

Aston Martin is recalling certain model year 2009-2012 V12 Vantage Coupe vehicles for failing to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 138, "Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems." On these vehicles, the low tire pressure warning light will not illuminate until the tire pressure in the front tires is more than 25% below the recommended cold tire pressure.

Consequence:

Underinflated tires can result in tire overloading and overheating, which could lead to tire failure and a possible crash.

Remedy:

Aston Martin will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the software for the tire pressure monitoring system free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a notification schedule. Owners may contact Aston Martin at 1-888-923-9988.

Notes:

Aston Martin's recall campaign number is RA-19-0015. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide the production dates of the affected vehicles.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement